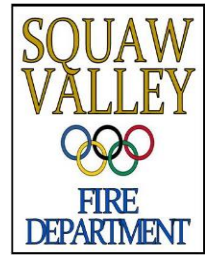




## SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



### Special District Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

**DATE:** February 23, 2016  
**TO:** District Board Members  
**FROM:** Kathryn Obayashi-Bartsch, Board Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

**BACKGROUND:** This program was created by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in an effort to promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts to the public and to provide special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special district through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

**DISCUSSION:** In order to receive the award, the District demonstrated completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, such as conducting ethics training for all Board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current District budget, most recent financial audit and fiscal policies.

Finally, the District demonstrated outreach to constituents through the District newsletter and District election information.

Staff prepared and compiled the required elements in order to achieve this level of recognition for the District's outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. Earning the certificate is a tangible acknowledgement of transparency efforts and demonstrates to District constituents and other stakeholders the commitment to being open and accessible to them.

**FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends maintaining a commitment and resources necessary to continue best practices in transparency and good governance.

**ATTACHMENTS:** District Transparency Certificate of Excellence 2016 & Draft Press Release

**DATE PREPARED:** February 12, 2016

# District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

February 2016 – February 2018

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2016

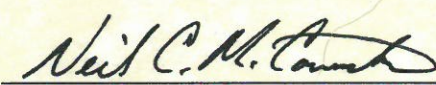
The Special District Leadership Foundation is proud to present this  
District Transparency Certificate of Excellence to

## Squaw Valley Public Service District

In recognition of the district's completion of all transparency program requirements  
designed to promote transparency in their operations and governance  
to the public and other stakeholders.



David Aranda, SDLF Board President

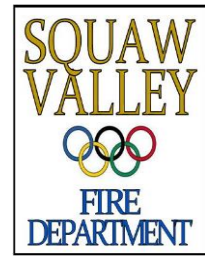


Neil McCormick, SDLF Chief Executive Officer





# SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



## PRESS RELEASE

Date: February 12, 2016  
Contact: Mike Geary, General Manager  
[mgeary@svpsd.org](mailto:mgeary@svpsd.org)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Squaw Valley Public Service District

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Olympic Valley, CA – The Squaw Valley Public Service District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all Board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current District budget, most recent financial audit and fiscal policies.

Finally, the District must demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through a District newsletter and District election information.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special district through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

The Squaw Valley Public Service District is a special district serving the community of Olympic Valley by providing water service, sewage collection service, municipal solid waste service, fire protection and emergency medical services as well as snow removal on the bike trail.

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